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STATE FOR EB/OT/TEX ST. JOHN AND EA/PRCM

STATE PASS STR FOR MIKE SMITH

BANGKOK FOR TEXTILE TEAM

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, HK, US
SUBJ: TEXTILES: HONG KONG CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 140361

1. IN JUNE 5 DISCUSSION WITH CONGENOFF, HONG KONG ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF TRADE DOUGLAS CHAN SAID THAT HE HKG WAS EAGER
TO BEGIN THE CONSULTATIONS REQUESTED (REFTEL) BUT COULD NOT PROPOSE
DATES UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 9, BY WHEN ITS TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD
WILL HAVE MET. MEANWHILE, HONG KONG HAS SUSPENDED ISSUANCE OF
EAS FOR CATEGORY 44.

2. CHAN WAS UNSURE WHO WOULD LEAD HONG KONG DELEGATION TO
CONSULTATIONS BUT RECKONED CROWSON AS MOST LIKELY, SINCE MILLS
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MUST BE IN EUROPE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS BEGINNING JUNE 20.
THE HKG DOES NOT WANT THE CONSULTATIONS TO WAIT ON MILL'S SCHEDULE.
MILLS, OF COURSE, WILL ALSO BE PREPARING FOR US-UK BILATERAL
FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE YET TO FIX DATES
FOR THOSE.

3. PERHAPS ADUMBRATING HONG KONG'S CONSULTATIONS POSITION

ON "OVERSHIPMENTS," CHAN DESCRIBED THESE AS "DISCREPANCIES"
IN THE TRADE DATA. HE NOTED THAT THE CATEGORIES INVOLVED
(REFTEL PARA 1) HAD CONTAINED CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS,
AND DIVERGENCE BETWEEN US AND HK FIGURES "DOES NOT SEEM
ALARMING" IN VIEW OF THE MONITORING SYSTEM USED IN 1977
(I.E. DURING FIFTEEN MONTH "QUOTA YEAR").

4. CONGEN WILL CABLE HKG'S CONSULTATION DATE PROPOSALS
AS SOON AS HKG INFORMS US.
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